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## Russia Lifts Import Duties on Several Feedstuffs 2003

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**Report Highlights:**

Just prior to Christmas, the Government of the Russian Federation issued a resolution that will lift import duties on corn, soybeans, and fish meal for nine months starting January 25, 2004. As feedstuff demand grows along with the livestock sector, this action will open up export opportunities for our agricultural products.

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**Lifting of Import Duties on Corn, Soybeans and Fish Meal**

To facilitate importation of feedstuffs crucial for the development of Russia's poultry and livestock industries, the Government of Russian Federation will lift the five percent import duty on corn, soybeans, and fish meal beginning on January 26, 2004 for a period of nine months. Domestic poultry and livestock producers supported the resolution, and the Interagency Commission on Domestic Market Protection recommended its adoption. Although not technically part of the livestock industry, oilseed crushers also favored the resolution, as it will reduce the cost of raw materials for their soybean processing operations.

The approval of this resolution is timely for the livestock sector, as the cost of imported soybean meal will increase on January 1, 2004 due to the expiration of temporary (nine-month) duty free imports of this product.

## Unofficial Translation of the Resolution

**Government of the Russian Federation  
Resolution #771 of December 23, 2003****“On Making Changes to the Customs Tariffs of the Russian Federation”**

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees the following:

1. As partial amendments to the Customs Tariffs of the Russian Federation approved by the resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation #830 of November 30, 2001 “On the Customs Tariff of the Russian Federation and Commodity Codes, Used at Implementation of Foreign Economic Activity” (Collection of Laws of the Russian Federation, 2001, #50, article 4735), to approve the proposed customs import duties.
2. The present resolution enters into force one month from the date of its official publication for a period of nine months.

**Customs Import Duties**

HS number	Item	Rate of customs import duty (percent of customs value or in Euro)
1005 90 000 0	- other	Free
1201 00 100 0	- for planting	Free
1201 00 900 0	- other	Free
2301 20 000 0	- flours, meals and pellets, of fish or of crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates	Free

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